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**DOE-WIDE CENTRAL INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW BOARD TO ADDRESS
HUMAN SUBJECTS
IN BERYLLIUM RESEARCH**

The Office of Science (SC), with support from the Office of Environment, Safety and Health (EH), under the authority of 10 CFR 745, *Protection of Human Subjects*, and DOE P 443.1, *Protection of Human Subjects*, is announcing the establishment of a Central Beryllium Institutional Review Board (Be IRB). The Be IRB will provide a high-level of expertise and diverse, experienced members to address beryllium-related human subjects protection issues. It will provide the Department of Energy (DOE), DOE contractors, and other organizations engaged in research on Be exposure, testing, or disease funded by DOE and/or involving the DOE work force with a thorough and consistent review that is essential to protection of the volunteer subjects in these programs.

Ongoing programs subject to review by the Be IRB are: 1) all related research activities; 2) the Former Beryllium Workers Medical Surveillance Program (see website for list of DOE sites); and 3) the beryllium screening component of the Former Workers Program (see website for list of DOE sites).

Policy and procedures for the Central Be IRB may be found at:
http://www.science.doe.gov/ober/humsubj/Be_procedures.html.

Questions regarding this process may be addressed to Dr. Susan Rose at 301-903-4731, or by email: (Susan.L.Rose@science.doe.gov). The DOE Human Subjects program website can be found at: <http://www.science.doe.gov/ober/humsubj/index.html>.